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Reply to Office Action of March 18, 2008

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached Replacement sheet of drawings including Fig. 1 is submitted in response to the objections to the drawings as detailed in the Office Action. No new matter has been added. The Replacement sheet replaces the original sheet containing Fig. 1. Approval and entry are respectfully requested.

Attachment: one (1) Replacement sheet

REMARKS

Claims 5 to 10 are pending in the present application. It is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable, and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Applicant notes with appreciation the acknowledgement of the claim for foreign priority and the indication that all copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for considering the previously filed Information Disclosure Statements, PTO-1449 paper, and cited references.

Figure 1 has been amended to include a legend identifying it as prior art, thereby obviating the objection to the drawings. Withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is therefore respectfully requested.

Claims 5 to 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2, as assertedly indefinite. While Applicant does not necessarily agree with the merits of this rejection, claims 5 to 10 have been amended herein without prejudice, thereby obviating the present rejection. Withdrawal of the indefiniteness rejection of claims 5 to 10 is therefore respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 5 to 10 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the indefiniteness rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2. As noted above, the claims have been amended to overcome the indefiniteness rejection, so that claims 5 to 10 are in condition for immediate allowance.

Accordingly, all of pending claims 5 to 10 are allowable.

Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the claims as previously presented in a continuation patent application. Further, any disclaimer that may have occurred during the prosecution of this application is expressly rescinded as regards any subsequently filed patent application.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of pending claims 5 to 10 are allowable. It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejections and objections be withdrawn. Prompt reconsideration and allowance of the present application are therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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